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Dear Interested Party,

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) has made changes (detailed below) to the proposed Regulations that were published on May 9, 2008 and presented for public comment from May 9, 2008 to June 2, 2008. In order that you may be given the opportunity to review and comment, in writing, before proposed regulations become approved there will be an additional 15-Day Public Comment Period. The 15-Day Public Comment Period begins on September 5, 2008, and concludes at 5pm on September 20, 2008. Please go to the OSHPD website http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/Proposed_Regulations.html to view the materials listed below.

Please be reassured that no additional requirements have been added and no requirements have been deleted.

The changes made, and submitted for your review and comments, are:

- In subsections 97215(b) and 97215(c), the date for the beginning of the use of OSHPD's Format and File Specifications for MIRCal Online Transmission: Emergency Care and Ambulatory Surgery Data, dated January 2006 has been updated to state a begin date of January 1, 2007. Subsections 97244(c) and 97244(d), which also refer to the Format document, have also been updated to reflect the January 1, 2007 date.
- Also in section 97215, OSHPD's Format and File Specifications for MIRCal Online Transmission Inpatient Data Effective with discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2008, revised on March 20, 2008, and OSHPD's Format and File Specifications for MIRCal Online Transmission Emergency Department and Ambulatory Surgery Data Effective with encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2009, revised on March 20, 2008 are now presented with ~~double strikeout~~ and double underline so that changes that are being proposed can be easily identified. The Format and Specifications documents are otherwise the same as presented during the original Public Comment period. No changes, other than the underlining and strikeout, have been made. The originally proposed Format and Specifications continue to be posted on the OSHPD website for public review.
- In section 97244, Manual Abstract Reporting Forms for Inpatient, Emergency Department, and Ambulatory Surgery data that were presented with no underline and strikeout are now presented in ~~double strikeout~~ and double underline format so that the changes that are being proposed can be easily identified. The forms



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are otherwise substantially the same as presented during the original Public Comment period. On one form, the format of the revision date has changed from 00/00/0000 to month/day/year. The originally proposed forms continue to be posted on the OSHPD website for public review.

- In subsection 97248(b), the letter "A" in the title of the Table has been double underlined. It was added to the title in the original proposal, but was inadvertently not underlined.

In addition to these changes, the public comments and responses from the first public comment period have been added to the Updated Final Statement of Reasons, along with a Summary of the Comments and Responses.

Please note that all Forms and all Format and File Specifications documents included in this regulations package are incorporated by reference because these documents are cumbersome and thus it is impractical to include the Forms and the Format and File Specifications in the actual text of the regulations. The documents are available (both in the ~~double strikeout~~ double underline format and in the regular (no underline) format) from the MIRCal website and may be viewed online or printed. Hardcopies are available upon request.

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